



The above is the latest photo taken of the New Homestead Hotel at the Hot Springs, which is now nearly complete as to contour and will be ready for guests in the early spring. This picture was taken when the building was not nearly so far advanced as now. The unfinished parts here shown are now all under roof. The kitchen is shown to the left. The porch is to come all across the front with white columns one and a half stories high. The ball-room is to be built on the right hand.

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A Splendid Building Takes the Place of the Old.

A MAGNIFICENT COLONNADE

Practically Fire-Proof, and Nearly Every Room Supplied With Its Bath—The Old Lobbies Followed, but the Appearance Will Be Much Changed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HOT SPRINGS, VA., Feb. 8.—The new Homestead Hotel will be opened for guests by the 15th day of March at the latest, and there is every reason to predict that it will at once be filled.
The ruins of the old Homestead had not cooled after the fire of July 1st before the Virginia Hot Springs Company agreed upon the plans for the new building, commenced clearing off the debris, and the hotel world that it would have its new hotel open by March 1st. That it will come within two weeks of fulfilling its promise is something remarkable, when the difficulties it has had to contend with are considered.
While the habits of the place will raise the long stretch of white which made the old Homestead a thing of beauty amidst its homestead kept green lawns, yet the new building is an impressive one, with many features to attract the eye, and its distinguishing characteristic of solidity will inspire a sense

DID NOT CHARGE FALSE STATEMENT

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FROM THE RECORD.
The record of that called meeting has this minute-viz:
Mr. Caskie offered the following, which was adopted:
"Resolved, That the time having expired within which we agreed to wait for the \$70,000 of the Sinking Fund for 1896, and said debt being unpaid, that we now demand of the city payment of said sum of \$70,000, with interest thereon. The minutes further show that the \$70,000 above demanded, with interest thereon amounting to \$1,000, was paid the same day.
This \$70,000 so paid with interest was the same \$70,000 which was reduced by the act of 1897 to \$50,000, and which Mr. McCarthy alluded to in his speech at the Academy.
The public will observe that the \$70,000 was paid on my motion, almost immediately after the expiration of the nine days given to the city by the commissioners to pay it, and within less than a month after the conference budget was passed.
Under these circumstances the public must judge whether my conduct, either as a member of the Common Council or on the Board of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, was a just subject of publication. Very respectfully,
JAMES CASKIE.

THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN.

Was Pleased With His Visit to Charleston Virginia Day.
Governor Montague returned from his trip to Charleston, S. C., yesterday and spent the day at his desk hard at work. He attended the Good Roads Conference in connection with the Expedition, and was very much pleased with what he saw and learned on the subject. The Governor was accompanied by Mr. Henry W. Anderson, of this city, secretary of the Virginia Good Roads Association, and the two gathered much valuable information on the subject. Governor Montague will in all probability send a message to the Legislature recommending some legislation along the line of road improvement in Virginia.
His Excellency while south conferred as to Virginia Day at the Charleston Exposition and will shortly send upon a case upon which he will attend with his family and staff, escorted by the cadets of the V. M. I. The date will probably be some time in April.

WOUNDED HIS FATHER.

A Miner Literally Cut to Pieces by a Train.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HUNTSVILLE, Va., Feb. 8.—Charles Davidson shot and probably fatally wounded his father, Henry Davidson, at his home at New Hope, near here, Thursday. He was playing with a double-barrel shotgun, when it accidentally discharged, the charge taking effect in his father's abdomen. He will die, physicians state.

FIRE IN AN ORPHANAGE.

Attorney J. A. Gorham Cleared of Charge of Unprofessional Conduct.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 8.—Fire was discovered in the Roman Catholic orphanage here about 6 o'clock, but was extinguished before extensive damage was done. It started from a defective fuse in the school-room and spread into the roof. The damage was not more than \$100.
At Statesville this afternoon the jury in the trial of J. A. Gorham rendered a verdict of not guilty. He is an attorney, and was tried for unprofessional action while attorney for the Southern Railway in a damage suit. The acquittal of Gorham will probably cause Governor Ay-

NOT RESPONSIBLE.

James Adams, Who Burned His Own Barn, Dismissed from Court.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 8.—The case against James Adams for burning his own barn has been dismissed. A jury of the County Court to-day, with the assistance of a physician, examined Adams as to his mental condition and found that he was not responsible for his act. He was discharged. Next week he will leave for Massillon, Ohio, where he was caught this week by his bondsman, Clark Purcell.

AN UNSTABLE PRODUCT.

Admiral Cotton Would Have Nothing to Do With Dargy's Dynamite.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 8.—Admiral Cotton, commander of the Norfolk navy-yard, who was asked by parties in interest to permit the dynamite or plant powder which was part of the steamer Dargy's cargo to be stored in the Government magazine while the steamer is being repaired, declined to do so. He advised those asking permission that the stuff was a very unstable compound which he did not care to be stored in his magazine. The stuff is declared to have been unloaded onto a barge and to be "now in a safe place."

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INFANTS ARE ELECT.

Presbyterian Committee Agreed on Declaration of Faith.
(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 8.—The Presbyterian Committee on Creed and Declaration of Faith, which met here today, decided upon a form of declaration of faith, which was then adopted by the committee. The declaration of faith, which is in harmony with the doctrine of the Presbyterian Church, was adopted by the committee. The declaration of faith, which is in harmony with the doctrine of the Presbyterian Church, was adopted by the committee. The declaration of faith, which is in harmony with the doctrine of the Presbyterian Church, was adopted by the committee.

CENSUS BUREAU.

Bill Making It Permanent Reported Favorably by Senate Committee.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 8.—The House bill making the Census Bureau permanent to-day received final consideration at the hands of the Senate Committee on Census. Senator Charles McNamara reported the bill on Monday and to make an effort to secure immediate consideration of it.

EMPEROR'S YACHT.

Invitations to the Launching Will Be Issued Later Part of the Week.
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Wallace Downey said to-day that the invitations to those who will witness the launching of Emperor William's yacht, Meteor, at Shavers Island, would be issued in the latter part of next week. These guests will be transported from the Battery in this city to the island to Kill Van Kull, by boats of the Staten Island Ferry Line, a contract having been closed with that company.

JUMPED FROM TRAIN.

Prisoner Made Daring Escape Few Miles from Baltimore.
(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 8.—A daring escape of a prisoner from a railroad train just outside of this city was reported to-night to the local department.
George Schollinger, in charge of United States Marshal Edward St. Clair, left Chicago last night over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad en route to Philadelphia, where he was expected to appear on a charge of violating the oleomargarine law.

A WOMAN SCORNED.

Accuses Her Husband for a Stranger and by Him Scorned.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 8.—A sensational scandal was brought to light at Hotel Nichols here to-day, involving influential families.
Ten days ago a well-dressed stranger, accompanied by a handsome woman, appeared in Bristol and registered at the hotel as "John P. Wright and wife, Cincinnati." The man claimed to be a member of the prominent electric device for railway signaling.

NATURE STUDY.

Professor Goodrich Delivers Interesting Lecture Before Education Association.
One of the most interesting and instructive lectures of the series before the Richmond Education Association was delivered last night at old St. Paul's Church by Professor C. L. Goodrich, of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. The subject was "Nature Study." There was a good attendance.

MR. DAVIS PLEASED.

He Finds the Petersburg Line Has Been Well Built.
Mr. W. D. Davis, vice-president of the Cleveland Construction Company, who spent yesterday looking over the construction work of the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway, returned to the city last night much pleased with the physical condition of the track and road-bed.
There is much work yet to be done in improving the road-bed and such other finishing touches as will occupy the time of a full construction force, but it is thought that this will not affect the running of cars between the two cities upon the hour schedule, which goes into effect to-day.

BIG ORDER FOR CARS.

Norfolk and Western Has Ordered 1,000 Box and 750 Coal Cars.
(By Associated Press.)
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 8.—The Southern Railway and Foundry Company has booked an order for one thousand box cars and 750 coal cars for the Norfolk and Western Railway, amounting to over one million dollars. The road had placed a previous order with the company for six hundred coal cars.

MURDER SENTENCED.

Fourteen Convicted of Murder in Russell County in Six Weeks.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
CLEVELAND, Va., Feb. 8.—O. J. Cook was sentenced to-day in Russell County Court of murder in the second degree for the killing of Mordacai Street on the 23rd of August, 1901, and was sentenced for a term of seven years in the penitentiary. This is the fourteenth person convicted of murder in this county since January 1st, and their terms of imprisonment aggregate 169 years.

OBITUARY.

B. M. Angie.
The remains of the late B. M. Angie will be laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery to-morrow. The funeral service will be held at his late home at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. N. Callicott.
Police Officer Angie died, after a long illness, at his residence, No. 1301 Grove Avenue, at 12 o'clock, yesterday morning, aged 68 years. He was a native of Richmond, and had lived here all his life. He has been a familiar figure in Richmond, and has hundreds of friends who regret to learn of his death. He served during the war as a member of the Army and Navy. He enlisted in the Richmond Artillery under Colonel Coates and was later detailed for Government work with the Arsenal Battalion.
By trade he was a blacksmith, and conducted a blacksmith shop near the corner of Third and Grace Streets. After the war he pursued his trade until July 14, 1870, when he was appointed to a position on the police force, where he has been ever since, an active, faithful officer of the Police Department.
Mr. Angie married Miss Sarah Munday of this city, who with nine children survive him. The children are Messrs. Harry

DEATHS OF A DAY.

LAUREL, MISS., February 8.—H. B. Grant, aged sixty-five years, is dead. He was a civil engineer and a West Point graduate. During the Civil War he was a captain of engineers on General Beauregard's staff, and participated in the siege of Charleston and the defense of Macon and Savannah. He was the engineer of the new St. Louis bridge.

DEATHS.

CARTER, DIED, Saturday, February 8, 1902, at his residence, No. 300 Grove Avenue, Samuel S. Carter, aged sixty-five years. Friends are invited to attend.

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